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REMARKS

The rejections of record, based on double patenting with U.S. Patent 6,098,689, are overcome by the present Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of \$110 for the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a Terminal Disclaimer